

Near East & South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program (NESA UGRAD) 2012-2013

The NESA UGRAD exchange program provides scholarships for one academic year of U.S. study in a non-degree program. The goal of the program is to provide a substantive exchange experience at a U.S. college or university for emerging student leaders from diverse, non-elite backgrounds in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia for the academic year 2012-2013.

Eligibility Requirements

NESA UGRAD applicants will be:

- in their final year of high school or their first, second or third year of undergraduate study (they should not have graduated by the time they begin their program in the U.S.);
- between the ages of **18-25** upon their arrival in the U.S.;
- studying humanities and social sciences (although all fields of study are eligible);
- active in their communities with experience in service learning and leadership activities;
- in good academic standing.
- All candidates should have a good knowledge of English and have certification, ideally, the TOEFL exam of English ability. The preferred TOEFL exam result will be 500 in the paper-based test or its equivalent in the computer or Internet-based tests.

Program Benefits will include tuition (including books and materials), roundtrip international airfare, meals and accommodations, as well as maintenance and health insurance.

During their programs, NESA UGRAD participants will:

- be enrolled in a non-degree program which will include an American studies course each semester and study skills courses/trainings;
- live with an American roommate on a university/college campus;
- participate in community service and cultural presentations during their first semester;
- participate in an unpaid internship during their second semester.

Application Procedures

A complete application will include the following materials:

- Online application form (will be available December 2, 2011)
- Translated academic transcripts
- Letters of reference
- TOEFL score report (ITP TOEFL is also accepted)

For more information or questions, please contact the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy Riyadh at 488-3800 ext. 4995 or ExchangeProgramsSaudiArabia@state.gov